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To prohibit United States assistance to countries that prohibit or restrict the transport or delivery of United States humanitarian assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. PORTER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. TORRES, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. COX of California, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. REED, Mr. BAKER of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FARR, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. DOOLEY, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KING, Mr. FATTAH, and Ms. FURSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

To prohibit United States assistance to countries that prohibit or restrict the transport or delivery of United States humanitarian assistance.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Humanitarian Aid
5 Corridor Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The United States Federal budget deficit
4 and spending constraints require the maximum effi-
5 ciency in the usage of United States foreign assist-
6 ance.

7 (2) The delivery of humanitarian assistance to
8 people in need is consistent with the fundamental
9 values of our Nation and is an important component
10 of United States foreign policy.

11 (3) As a matter of principle and in furtherance
12 of fiscal prudence, the United States should seek to
13 promote the delivery of humanitarian assistance to
14 people in need in a manner that is both timely and
15 cost effective.

16 (4) Recipients of United States assistance
17 should not hinder or delay the transport or delivery
18 of United States humanitarian assistance to other
19 countries.

20 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES THAT**
21 **RESTRICT THE TRANSPORT OR DELIVERY OF**
22 **UNITED STATES HUMANITARIAN ASSIST-**
23 **ANCE.**

24 (a) PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding
25 any other provision of law, funds appropriated or other-
26 wise made available for United States assistance may not

1 be made available for any country whose government pro-
2 hibits or otherwise restricts, directly or indirectly, the
3 transport or delivery of United States humanitarian as-
4 sistance.

5 (b) WAIVER.—The prohibition on United States as-
6 sistance contained in subsection (a) shall not apply if the
7 President determines and notifies Congress in writing that
8 providing such assistance to a country is in the national
9 security interest of the United States.

10 (c) RESUMPTION OF ASSISTANCE.—A suspension or
11 termination of United States assistance for any country
12 under subsection (a) shall cease to be effective when the
13 President certifies in writing to the Speaker of the House
14 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
15 tions of the Senate that such country is no longer prohibit-
16 ing or otherwise restricting, either directly or indirectly,
17 the transport or delivery of United States humanitarian
18 assistance.

19 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—At the time of the annual budget
21 submission to Congress, the President shall submit a re-
22 port to Congress describing any information available to
23 the President concerning prohibitions or restrictions, di-
24 rect or indirect, on the transport or delivery of United
25 States humanitarian assistance by the government of any

1 country receiving or eligible to receive United States for-
2 eign assistance during the current or preceding fiscal year.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY OF LAW.—The President shall in-
4 clude in the report required by subsection (a) a statement
5 as to whether the prohibition in section 3(a) is being ap-
6 plied to each country for which the President has informa-
7 tion available to him concerning prohibitions or restric-
8 tions, direct or indirect, on the transport or delivery of
9 United States humanitarian assistance.

10 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

11 As used in this Act, the term “United States assist-
12 ance” has the same meaning given that term in section
13 481(e)(4) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

